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Thank you for your time,  
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## EPA mislead local residents

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Following is a letter sent to John P. Parrecone, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3580.

Dear Mr. Perrecone:  
I am in receipt of your form

Dear Mr. Brad Thornley, I am sorry to hear that your project managers have, in my opinion, perpetrated a fraud on the people in Granite City, Madison and Venice by acts of omission by all of you. I served on the Mayor's Citizen's Committee from the beginning of this project and attended all of the committee meetings with your representatives. Not one time were we ever told that if your neighbor did not allow the cleanup, you would not be given a clearance. This has to be the best kept secret of the SuperFund Project, and by sending a copy of this letter to the local papers, maybe I can reach at least some of the citizens of Granite City, Madison, and Venice and let them know that they are in a "Catch-22" situation, and that the EPA, wasting the taxpayer's money, is the only winner in this charade.

**MARY MARGARET NONN**  
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**TO THE EDITOR:**

Statistics recently released by the Illinois State Police, Department of Uniform Crime Reports, indicate a decrease in crime in Madison County. Overall, crime levels are lower for the first six months of 1996 compared with the same period for 1995. Some have asked my opinion regarding this crime decrease. I wish to share my thoughts with your readers.

I do not believe any one individual or group can take credit for this obvious good news. I think credit can be placed at the doorsteps of some groups of concerned citizens and law enforcement professionals.

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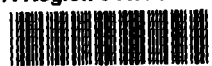
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## Candidate offers pledge

### TO THE EDITOR:

To the residents of the 5th Ward of Granite City, allow me to introduce myself to you. I am Michael Patton. I live at 2153 Delmar Ave. The reason that I am running for 5th Ward alderman is that I know that I can do a far better job than my opponent, Ed Asadorian.

My reasons are simple, yet practical. I am in favor of a residential 1 percent tax cut with the elimination of the city treasurer and combining that position into the city clerk and comptroller.

I'm in favor of term limits to the elected positions in the city so that we can get brighter and newer faces on the council who know what they are doing, instead of just increasing politicians' wallets with your money.

I would like to see a new sewer system installed in Granite City with the help of grants from the state. I also believe that every resident is important — not just a select few — so I am in favor of all streets having the leaves, snow, limbs and other obstructions removed in a timely fashion.

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letter of Oct. 24, 1996, addressed to "Dear Resident" explaining all of the great things EPA is doing for me. You wanted to know if I had any questions; well I don't, but I sure have a few comments.

I find it reprehensible that those of us who trusted the EPA and allowed you on our property to do the cleanup were duped and misled by your representatives. We were told that once the cleanup on our property was completed, we would be given a clearance by the EPA. Never were we given any caveats by any of your representatives that unless the easement or right-of-way in front of or on the side of our property was also cleaned up, that we would not be given clearance on our property. I also learned that if I allow you to do my property and my neighbor will not let you do his property, I cannot get a clearance from the EPA. What kind of a game are you people playing with my civil rights? I have no control over property that the city owns, nor do I have any control over what my neighbor, exercising his civil rights, decides to do with his property.

You, as a representative of the EPA, Brad Bradley and Sheri Blanchin, your project managers have, in my opinion, perpetrated a fraud on the people in Granite City, Madison and Venice by sins of omission by all of you. I served on the Mayor's Citizen Committee from the beginning of this project and attended all of the committee meetings with your representatives. Not one time were we ever told that if your neighbor did not allow the cleanup, you would not be given a clearance. This has to be the best kept secret of the SuperFund Project, and by sending a copy of this letter to the local papers, maybe I can reach at least some of the citizens of Granite City, Madison, and Venice and let them know that they are in a "Catch-22" situation, and that the EPA, wasting the taxpayer's money, is the only winner in this charade.

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First of all, the majority of the law-abiding citizens in this county can pat themselves on the back. They have had enough of the criminals and have assisted law enforcement efforts by reporting, identifying and cooperating with the police in crime-related matters. More and more of these people think it is about time they become involved. They want to help the police in order to help themselves. Those individuals who care are to be commended and thanked.

The police officers and deputy sheriffs in this county are, and should be, recognized for their efforts in this battle. They are the ones on the front lines everyday attacking this problem for all of us. Arrests of the criminals are up and the crime rate is going down. It's not hard to understand that the professional police officers in this county are doing their jobs and, all too often, they are not given the credit they deserve. Madison County is very fortunate to have this high caliber of police service and dedication to duty in the ranks of their police agencies.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine and his professional staff of prosecuting attorneys must share in the credit for the drop in the crime rate. His office plays a vital role in the criminal justice system. He and his assistants have done their jobs well. They, too, must deal with the criminal element and have prosecuted the selfish offenders within the limits of the law. Just a few weeks ago the voters in this county gave Mr. Haine an overwhelming vote of confidence for his efforts with his re-election to office for another four years. This was a wise move. Mr. Haine and his staff are not afraid to tackle this crime problem and have

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